

Trust Land Transfer Program 2005 - 2007



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2005-2007 Trust Land Transfer Program

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Natural Resources manages more than 3 million acres of state-owned trust forest, agricultural, rangelands and commercial properties. These trust lands earn income to build schools, universities and other state institutions, and help fund local services in many counties. Trust lands also provide important habitat for fish and wildlife as well as recreation and educational opportunities for the general public. The Department strives to improve returns from state trust lands; however, not all trust lands are best suited for income production.

The Department, over time has effectively consolidated trust lands to improve economic returns through land sales, exchanges and acquisitions. Low income-producing properties have been sold and properties with higher potential returns acquired as replacements. Some lands have important social or ecological values that are desirable to be managed to protect and enhance the special values for public use and benefit. Such lands may not be desirable for income production, but are desirable as publicly owned lands protected and managed for special use or feature of importance. The Trust Land Transfer Program provides an opportunity to retain these special lands in public ownership while maintaining and improving economic return to trust beneficiaries.

BENEFITS

The Trust Land Transfer Program (TLT) provides an innovative means for the state Legislature, through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), to fund school construction, dispose of non-performing assets, acquire replacement properties with high revenue-generating potential, and to protect and maintain in public ownership properties with important social or ecologic attributes. Specific benefits of the program are as follows:

- Provides funds for public school construction (K-12).
- Provides funds for acquisition of productive commercial, agricultural and forest land to increase revenues for the Common School Trust.
- Disposes of under-performing Common School Trust lands.
- Transfers to designated public agencies selected lands with statewide significance deemed appropriate for state park, fish and wildlife habitat, natural area preserves, natural resources conservation areas, open space or recreation.

ASSET DIVERSIFICATION

The program provides funds to transfer from state trust ownership selected lands with low

income production potential. Funds from the transfer of these selected real properties are used to acquire productive commercial, agricultural and forest lands as replacement properties. The program allows the Department to slowly diversify the trust real property asset portfolio. Forest lands are transferred and replaced with a mix of agricultural and commercial properties. This asset diversification, while small, is helping to increase revenues and stabilize short- and long-term income expectations. Revenues from commercial buildings and irrigated agricultural crops provide stable annual returns not currently available in the cyclical timber market. The Department recognizes the importance of a strong commercial forest base and will also maintain and increase ownership of manageable commercial forest blocks.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Some trust lands have low potential for income production due to factors such as steep, unstable slopes, critical fish and wildlife habitat, public use issues, environmental and social concerns, and other issues that complicate income production from certain trust lands. The Department of Natural Resources identifies a list of such properties each biennium for consideration by the Board of Natural Resources and the Legislature as candidates for the TLT program. One key criteria is that candidate properties, in aggregate, have a high timber to land value to ensure the greater part of the appropriation is deposited directly to fund school construction in the current biennium.

DNR coordinates the review and prioritization of the proposed list of transfer properties with other state agencies and programs. Candidate properties are screened for special characteristics that distinguish the property from other income producing trust assets. An appropriate and receptive public agency or program is identified to receive and manage each of the candidate properties. Land and timber values for each property are estimated by appraisal staff to determine the approximate value of the proposed package. The list, along with maps and property descriptions, are assembled into an informational package that is presented to the Board of Natural Resources and then to the Governor's Office for submission to the Legislature.

The Legislature reviews the proposal, determines the makeup of the final package, and sets an appropriation funding level. If approved, the transfer package is authorized and funded as a section in the Capital Budget Bill. Legislation generally provides for the direct funding of properties through the appropriation, or for a timber harvest restrictive easement to be imposed when land values exceed timber to land ratio expectations.

The Department is authorized to implement the program and must complete the transfers within the biennium. The Department initiates letters of intent with receiving agencies and completes market appraisals on all properties prior to transfer. Each transfer is presented to the Board of Natural Resources for final approval. Some properties may not be transferred if they do not meet value expectations or are not acceptable for reasons unforeseen at the time of listing.

At transfer, legislation directs the timber (or easement) value be deposited into the Common School Construction Account and the land value be deposited into the land replacement account. The timber value is then available for distribution by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to fund school construction (K-12) within the current biennium. The land value is used by the Department to acquire other lands to be managed to provide current and future income for the Common School Trust. The program effectively provides immediate income and improves future revenue returns. The land is transferred, unaltered, to the appropriate receiving agency for management and protection of the special resource. Legislation directs that a deed restriction be imposed that dedicates the land for the special public use intended.

PROGRAM RESULTS

Since 1989 more than \$477 million has been appropriated to fund the Trust Land Transfer Program. Over 75,000 acres of special Common School Trust property with low revenue-producing capability have been transferred to other public agencies or programs for protection and management. More than 80 percent of the appropriation has been deposited directly to the Common School Construction Account while the remainder was used to acquire productive commercial, agricultural and forest land that is producing increased revenues for school construction statewide. Agencies receiving land through the program include DNR's NAP and NRCA Programs, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Parks and Recreation Commission, county and city governments.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

Program appropriations and results are summarized below.

<u>Biennium</u>	Appropriation
89-91	\$171,500,000
91-93	50,000,000
93-95	50,352,000
95-97	no appropriation
97-99	34,500,000
99-01	66,000,000
01-03	50,000,000
03-05	\$ <u>55,000,000</u>
89-05 Total:	\$477,352,000

1989-2003 (totals do not include 03-05 appropriation)

Account Distribution				
Com. Schools	\$348,496,720	82.4%		
Land Replace	\$ 65,402,000	15.6%		
Admin. Costs	\$ <u>8,453,280</u>	2.0%		
Total:	\$422,352,000	100%		

Recipients					
NAP/NRCA	\$248,769,000	58.9%			
State Parks	\$ 95,916,000	22.7%			
Counties/Cities	\$ 46,468,500	11.0%			
Fish & Wildlife	\$ 1,605,000	0.4%			
Admin. Costs	\$ 8,453,280	2.0%			
C.S. (unused)*	\$ <u>21,140,220</u>	5.0%			
Total:	\$422,352,000	100%			

^{*} Unused funds returned directly to the Common School Construction Account.

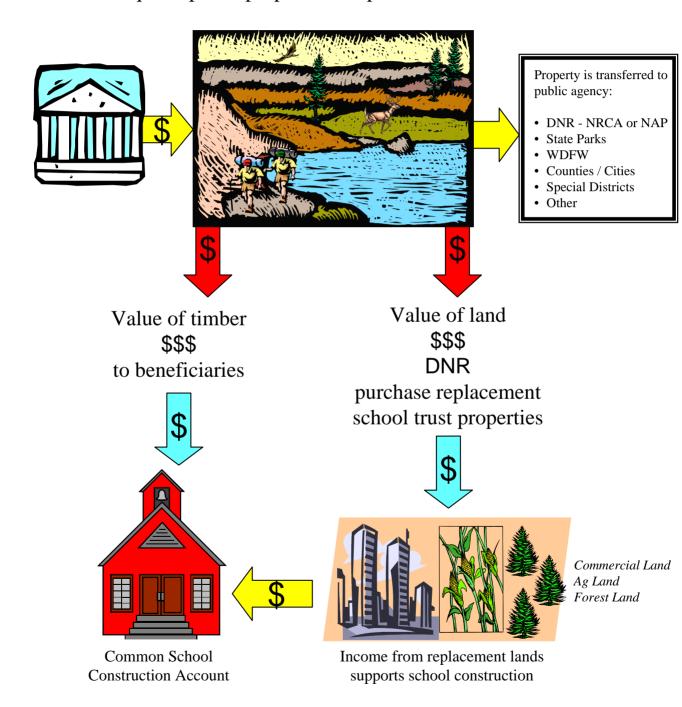
1989-2003

<u>Land Transferred</u>			
Value	\$65,402,000		
Acres	75,139		
Value/acre	\$870		

	Land Replaced	
Value		\$58,413,636
Acres		34,632
Value/acre		\$1,687

TRUST LAND TRANSFER PROGRAM DIAGRAM

- Legislative funds serve dual purpose
 - Provide revenue for school construction
 - Acquire special properties for public benefit



2005-2007 TLT PROPOSAL

The transfer list for the 2005-2007 biennium, as prepared by the Department, is shown on the following pages. It includes 25 properties in 12 counties comprising some 12,400 acres. The Department is seeking an appropriation of \$67 million to fund the property transfers. The Department is also requesting a separate appropriation of \$13,400,000 to authorize expenditures of dedicated funds to acquire replacement properties. Property recipients include DNR's NAP and NRCA programs, State Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Parks, Island County, King County, Spokane County, Clark County, Kitsap County, Pierce County, City of Tacoma, and City of Seattle. The complete property list is shown on the next page. Property maps and descriptions follow in the same order as presented on the list.

All values are estimates only. Actual values will be determined by appraisal at the time of transfer.

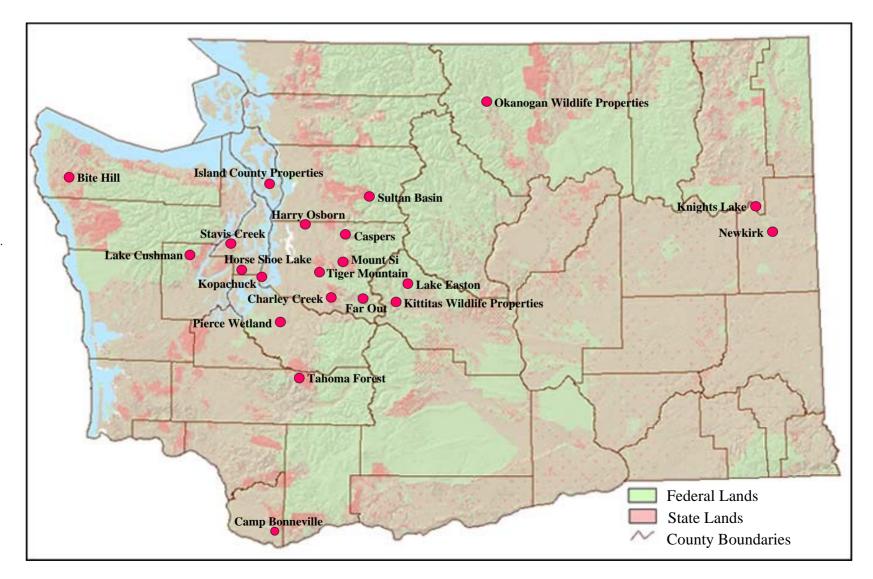
2005-2007 TLT PROPERTY LIST

Estimated Property Values^{1/} **Property Name** Total $T/L^{2/}$ Acres County Recipient **Timber** Land Caspers Timber Reserve 50 King Seattle \$ 910,000 \$ 0 910,000 100 2 Charley Creek Phase I 1,100 King **DNR-NAP** 18,040,000 670,000 18,710,000 96 3 Tahoma Forest 410 **DNR-NRCA** 2,030,000 100,000 2,130,000 95 Lewis 4 Lake Cushman 1.040 Mason Tacoma 3,660,000 310,000 3,970,000 92 5 Bite Hill 355 Clallam **DNR-NAP** 2,000,000 230,000 2,230,000 90 Far Out 640 1,470,000 85 6 King Tacoma 1,250,000 220,000 7 West Tiger Mountain 145 King **DNR-NRCA** 860,000 170,000 1,030,000 83 Kittitas-Wildlife 8 575 Kittitas WDFW 3,310,000 800,000 4,110,000 81 9 **WDFW** Okanogan-Wildlife 350 Okanogan 60,000 100,000 160,000 38 Camp Bonneville 820 Clark Clark Co 4,840,000 1,410,000 6,250,000 77 Mount Si Phase I 1,100 11 King **DNR-NRCA** 5,410,000 1,710,000 7,120,000 76 Horseshoe Lake 350 Pierce Key Pen Parks 2,540,000 880,000 3,420,000 74 South Pierce Wetland 160 Pierce Pierce Co 1,020,000 400,000 1,420,000 72 **High Point** 40 Island Island Co 400,000 160,000 560,000 71 Kopachuck 20 Pierce Pierce Co 300,000 140,000 440,000 68 Spokane 16 Newkirk 150 State Parks 160,000 80,000 240,000 67 Sultan Basin Phase II 3,800 Snohomish DNR-NRCA 1,860,000 1,290,000 59 3,150,000 Stavis Creek Phase I 800 Kitsap **DNR-NRCA** 2,000,000 3,550,000 1,550,000 56 Upper Maxwelton Valley 205 **SWPRD** Island 1,330,000 1,100,000 2,430,000 55 Skyline West Island Co 40 Island 210,000 190,000 400,000 53 21 Lake Easton 160 Kittitas State Parks 880,000 840,000 1,720,000 51 40 22 **Brainers Road** Island Island Co 200,000 360,000 560,000 36 Glendale Creek 40 Island Island Co 200,000 380,000 580,000 34 Wahl Road 20 Island Island Co 100,000 200,000 300,000 33 25 Harry Osborn Park 5 King/Sammamish 70,000 160,000 230,000 King 30 **TOTALS** 12,415 \$53,640,000 \$13,450,000 \$67,090,000 80

^{1/} All values are estimates. Actual values to be determined by market appraisals after project implementation.

^{2/} Timber-to-land ratio: The ratio of timber value as a percent of total value.

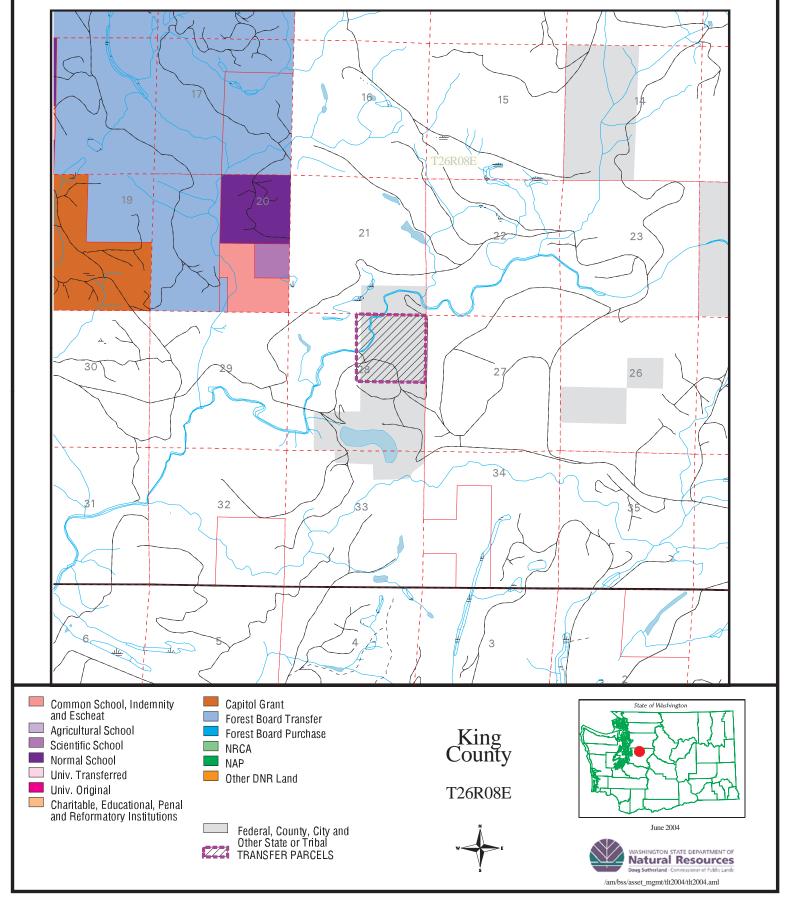
Trust Land Transfer Proposed Properties 2005 - 2007



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PROPERTY MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Caspers Timber Reserve



CASPERS TIMBER RESERVE

ACRES: 51

COUNTY: King

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: City of Seattle

PROPOSED USE: Watershed and habitat protection

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of an asset that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide.

The land underlying the timber was conveyed to the City of Seattle through a former land exchange. In order to balance the exchange, DNR reserved the timber so that it could be harvested to benefit the Common School Trust. This transfer of timber ownership to the City of Seattle will dissolve the timber reservation and provide revenue for school construction. The underlying land will not be included with the transfer since it is already in city ownership.

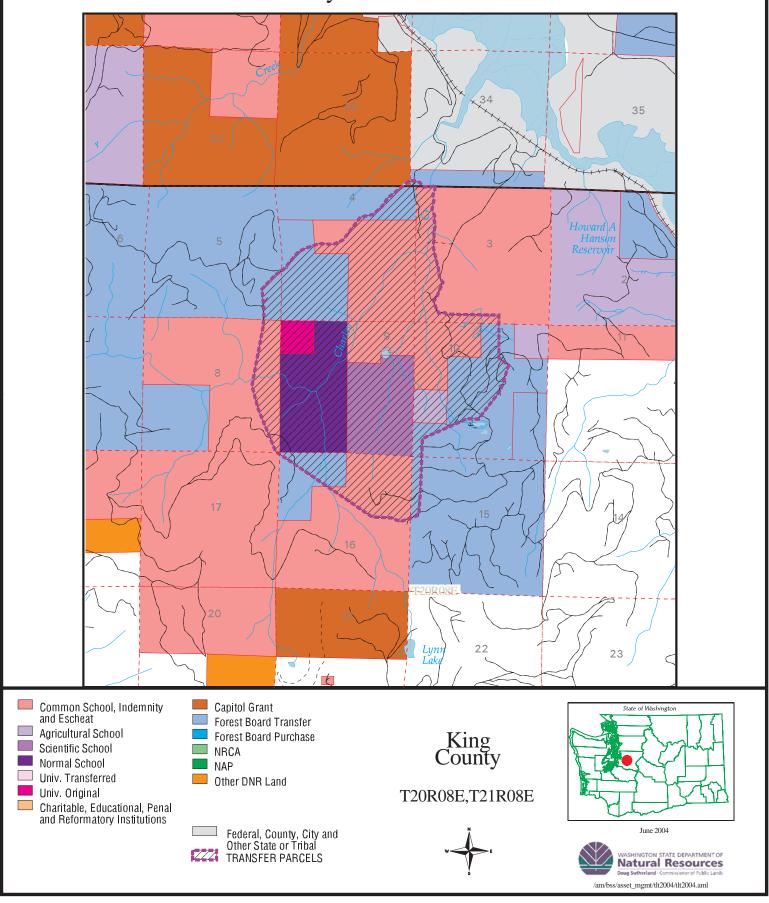
CHARACTERISTICS:

The reserved timber is predominately old growth, providing habitat for Marbled Murrelet and the Northern Spotted Owl. The timber also serves as valuable habitat for a watershed that provides potable water for millions of customers in Seattle and King County.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

NE¹/₄ Section 28, Township 26 North, Range 8 East, W.M.

Charley Creek Phase I



CHARLEY CREEK PHASE I

ACRES: 1,100

COUNTY: King

TRUST: Common School, Agricultural School, Scientific School, Normal

School, University-Original, and State Forest Board Transfer

RECEIVING AGENCY: Department of Natural Resources

PROPOSED USE: Natural Area Preserve

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for income production. At transfer, the timber value will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction. Land and timber will remain intact and managed to protect plant ecosystems, wildlife and watershed values. To implement the transfer, the Agricultural School, Scientific School, Normal School, University-Original, and State Forest Board Transfer Trust lands must first be exchanged for equal-valued Common School Trust land.

CHARACTERISTICS:

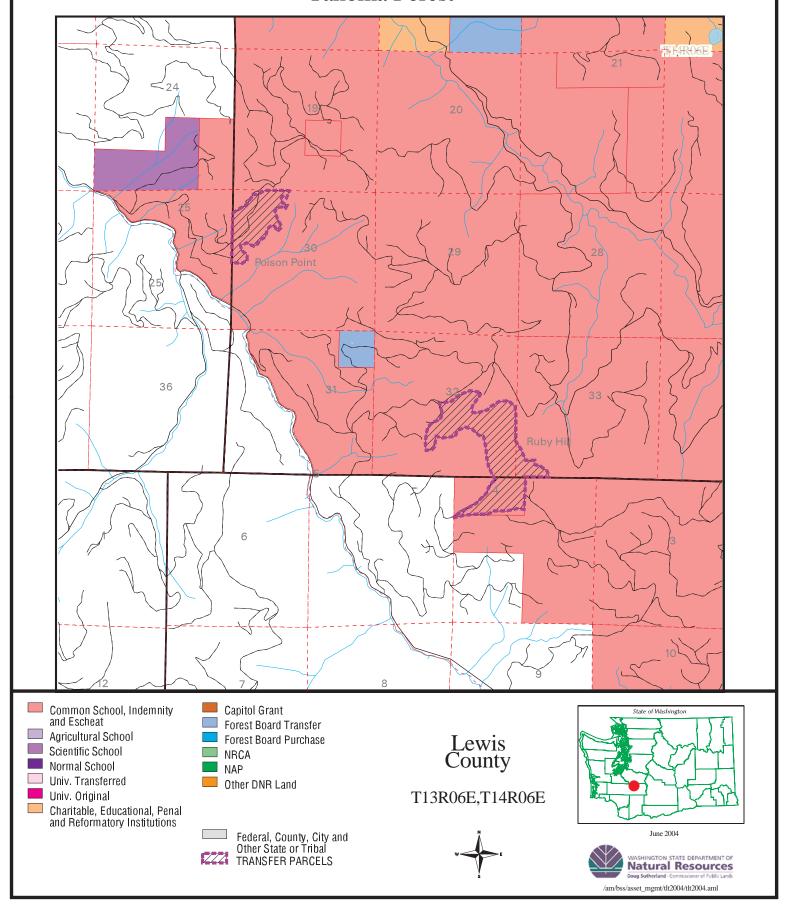
A Natural Area Preserve will provide representation for at least four ecosystem types that are poorly represented in the existing system of natural areas in the Western Cascades Ecoregion of Washington. Three of these are forested plant associations typical of lower elevations. In addition, a permanent pond is present. These important ecosystems are all in good to excellent condition on the site. The forest regenerated after a severe wildfire about 150 years ago. This is probably one of the larger areas of contiguous, good condition forest (mature, never been logged) typical of low elevation, highly productive sites within the ecoregion. Charley Creek-with a natural, untouched, riparian environment-flows through the middle of the site. Scattered older Sitka spruce and Douglas fir that survived the fire are present within this area.

Total area proposed for the NAP, as shown on the map, is approximately 2,000 acres. Approximately half of the area will be considered for transfer in Phase One. Specific lands to be included in Phase One will be determined by the Department during the appraisal process after project implementation. The NAP boundary is currently under review and subject to adjustment.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17, Township 20 North, Range 8 East, W.M. Section 33 and 34, Township 21 North, Range 8 East, W.M.

Tahoma Forest



TAHOMA FOREST

ACRES: 410

COUNTY: Lewis

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Department of Natural Resources

PROPOSED USE: Natural Resources Conservation Area

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

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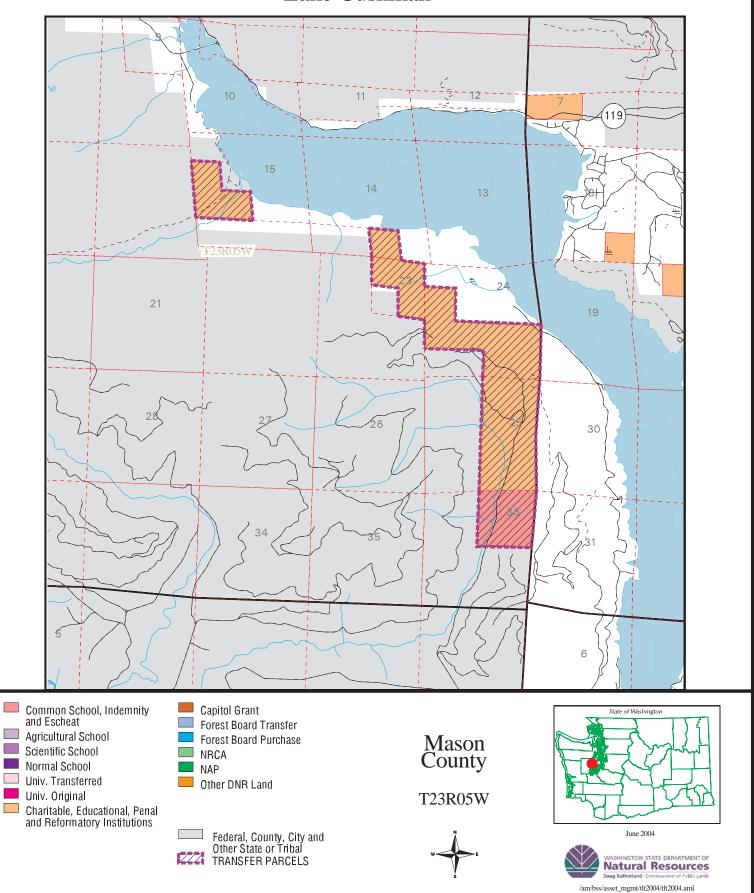
CHARACTERISTICS:

Provides protection for two undisturbed old-growth forest stands located within the Tahoma state trust ownership block. The stands have been temporarily deferred from harvest to protect limited old-growth habitat in the Tahoma forest. Protection of these old-growth stands is consistent with Department and Board of Natural Resource's goal to protect from harvest older forest stands within forest landscapes. The NRCA boundary is under review and subject to adjustment.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portions of Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 6 East, W.M. Portions of Sections 30, 32, and 33, Township 14 North, Range 6 East, W.M.

Lake Cushman



LAKE CUSHMAN

ACRES: 1,040

COUNTY: Mason

TRUST: Common School and CEP & RI (Charitable, Educational, Penal and

Reformatory Institutions)

RECEIVING AGENCY: City of Tacoma

PROPOSED USE: Wildlife habitat protection, open space, and recreation

BENEFITS TO TRUST

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value on the property will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction. To implement the transfer, the CEP & RI Trust land must first be exchanged for equal-valued Common School Trust land.

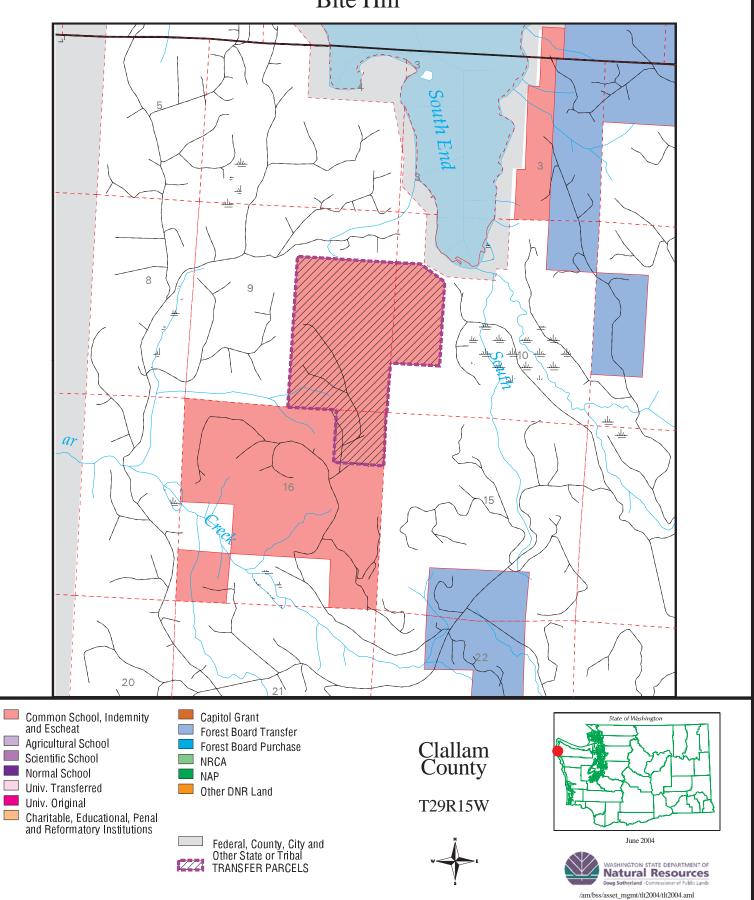
CHARACTERISTICS:

The property is comprised of mature and older timber situated on steep, mountainous slopes above the west shore of Lake Cushman. Access is over remote, primitive roads within the Olympic National Forest. Access is also available from lake Cushman by boat.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portions of Sections 14, 15, 23, 24, 25, and 36, Township 23 North, Range 5 West, W.M.





BITE HILL

ACRES: 355

COUNTY: Clallam

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Department of Natural Resources

PROPOSED USE: Natural Area Preserve

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

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Land and timber will remain intact and managed to protect the indicated significant features and for long-term habitat needs of threatened, endangered, and other plant and animal species.

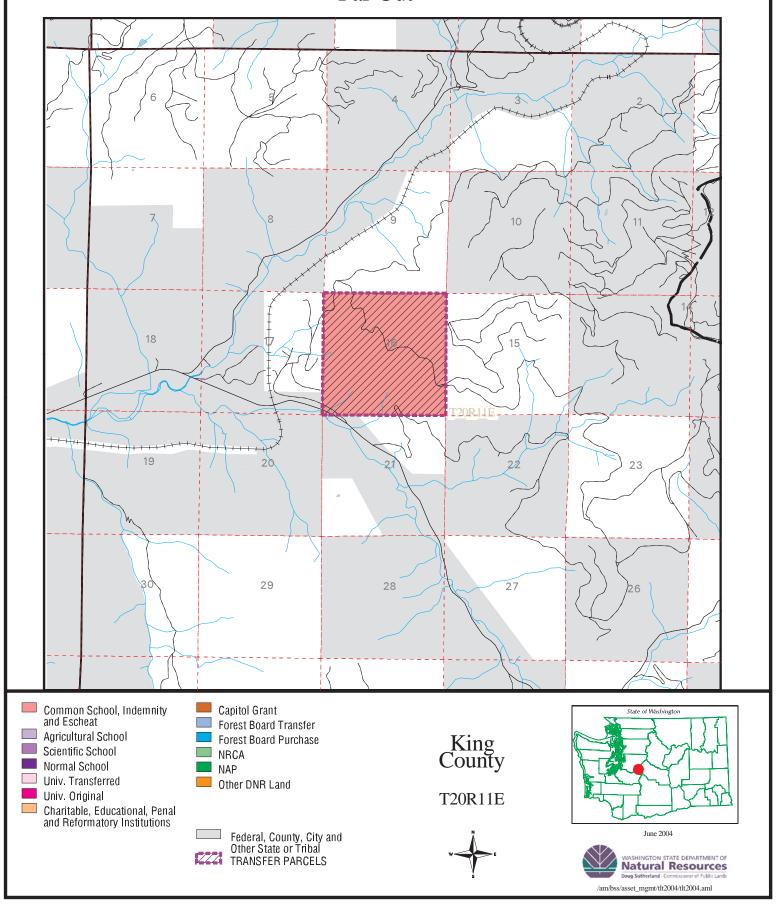
CHARACTERISTICS:

Bite Hill proposed Natural Area Preserve has been identified as a rare, coastal old-growth community of Sitka Spruce, western hemlock and western red cedar. The majority of the trust ownership provides the core area for the preserve. This stand is a prime remnant of a coastal community that extended along the Washington coast as recently as 100 years ago. The stand provides habitat for Marbled Murrelet and the Northern Spotted Owl and other indigenous species.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portions of Sections 9, 10, and 16, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, W.M.

Far Out



FAR OUT

ACRES: 640

COUNTY: King

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Tacoma Public Utilities

PROPOSED USE: Watershed protection, open space, and wildlife habitat

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value on the property will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction. All land and timber will be transferred to the City of Tacoma to manage for protection of the public water supply and to provide wildlife habitat.

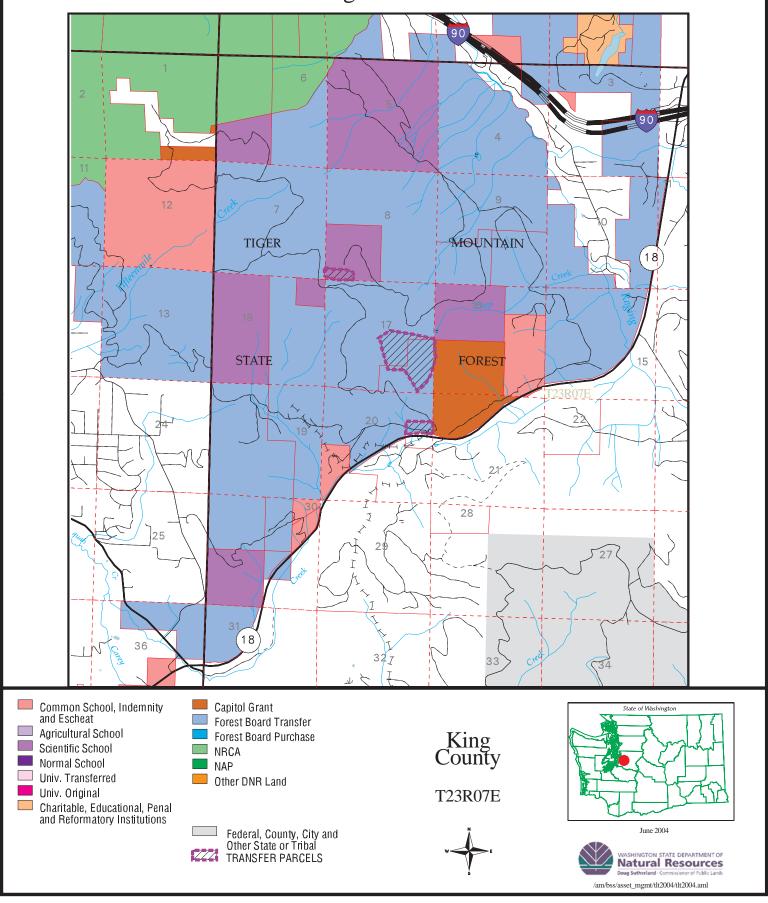
CHARACTERISTICS:

The property supports old- and second-growth timbered stands that provide habitat for the Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet. The property is situated near the Cascade Summit and includes steep, mountainous topography.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Section 16, Township 20 North, Range 11 East, W.M.

West Tiger Mountain



WEST TIGER MOUNTAIN

ACRES: 144

COUNTY: King

TRUST: State Forest Board Transfer, Capitol Building, and Scientific School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Department of Natural Resources

PROPOSED USE: Natural Resources Conservation Area

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value on the property will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction. To implement the transfer, the State Forest Board Transfer, Capitol Building, and Scientific School Trust lands must first be exchanged for equal-valued Common School Trust land.

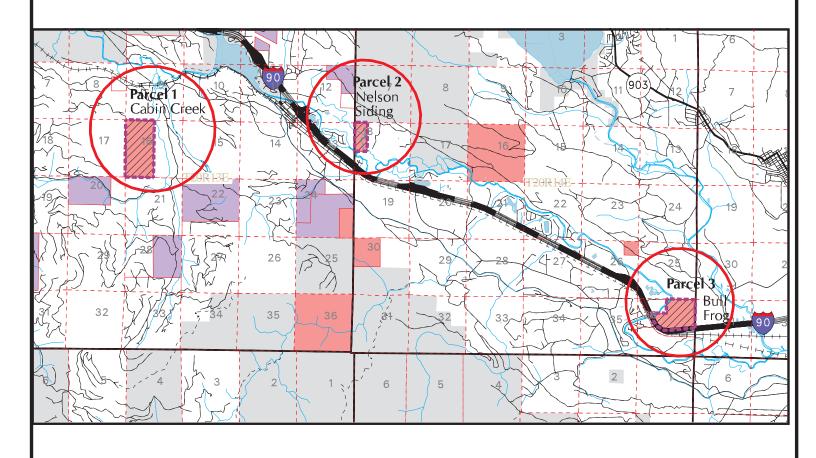
CHARACTERISTICS:

This transfer provides protection for three old-growth forest stands that are 160 to 320 years old and within walking distance of Highway 18 trailhead on Tiger Mountain State Forest. The stands were identified in the 1986 Tiger Mountain Plan for deferral from harvest to preserve remaining old-growth habitat on Tiger Mountain. Stands compliment existing habitat included in the West Tiger NRCA. Protection of old-growth stands is consistent with the Department and Board of Natural Resource's goal to protect older forest stands within forest landscapes. The NRCA boundary is under review and subject to adjustment.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portions of Sections 8, 17, 20, and 21, Township 23 North, Range 7 East, W.M.

Department of Natural Resources 2005 - 2007 Trust Land Transfer Project Kittitas-Wildlife





KITTITAS-WILDLIFE

ACRES: 575

COUNTY: Kittitas

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

PROPOSED USE: Recreation, open space, and fish and wildlife habitat

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value on the property will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Included are three properties in Kittitas County that provide fish and wildlife habitat. The properties include some older, timbered stands and characteristic eastside stands with mixed species and ages. Properties are best managed to serve disbursed recreation and fish and wildlife habitat. They provide critical habitat in the I-90 corridor for migrating wildlife and compliment other property managed by WDFW.

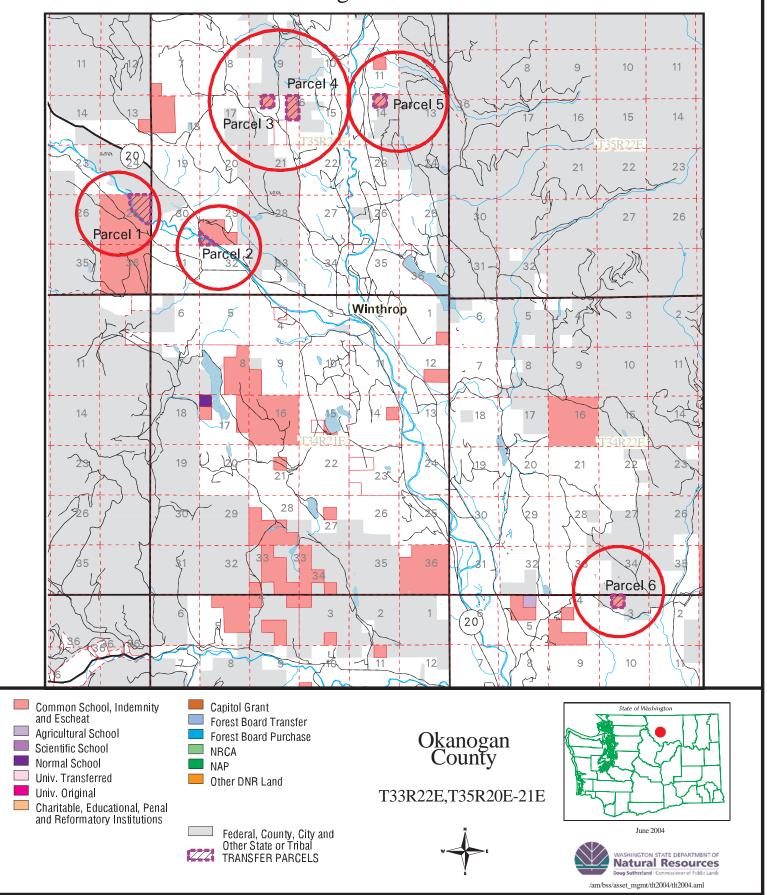
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 1: W½, Section 16, Township 20 North, Range 13 East, W.M. (320 acres)

Parcel 2: W½NW¼, Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 14 East, W.M. (70 acres)

Parcel 3: Portions of N¹/₂, Section 36, Township 20 North, Range 14 East, W.M. (185 acres)

Okanogan-Wildlife



OKANOGAN-WILDLIFE

ACRES: 340

COUNTY: Okanogan

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

PROPOSED USE: Recreation, open space, and fish and wildlife habitat

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value on the property will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction.

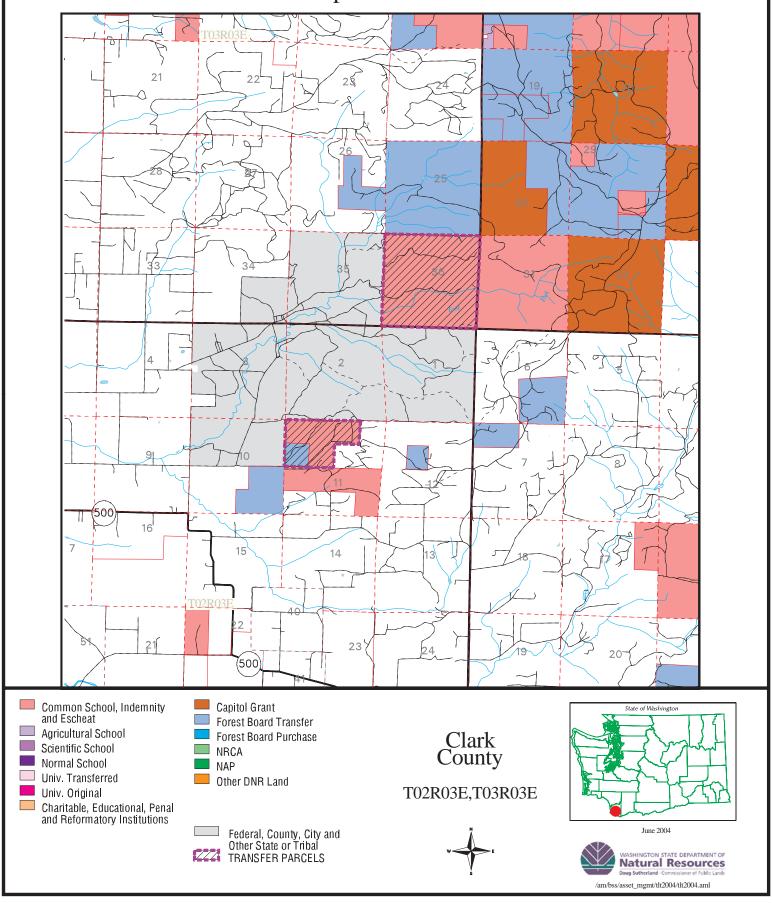
CHARACTERISTICS:

Included are six properties in Okanogan County that provide fish and wildlife habitat. The properties include forest and riparian habitats with mixed ages and species. The properties are best managed to serve disbursed recreation and fish and wildlife habitat.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

- Parcel 1: Portions of E¹/₂, Section 25, Township 35 North, Range 20 East, W.M. (120 acres)
- Parcel 2: Portions of SW¹/₄, Section 29, Township 35 North, Range 21 East, W.M. (20 acres)
- Parcel 3: NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, Section 16, Township 35 North, Range 21 East, W.M. (40 acres)
- Parcel 4: E½NE¼, Section 16, Township 35 North, Range 21 East, W.M. (80 acres)
- Parcel 5: NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, Section 14, Township 35 North, Range 21 East, W.M. (40 acres)
- Parcel 6: NE½NW¼, Section 3, Township 33 North, Range 22 East, W.M. (40 acres)

Camp Bonneville



CAMP BONNEVILLE

ACRES: 840

COUNTY: Clark

TRUST: Common School and State Forest Board Transfer

RECEIVING AGENCY: Clark County Parks

PROPOSED USE: Recreation and open space

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value on the property will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction. Timber and land will be transferred to Clark County for management as open space and recreation for public benefit. To implement the transfer, the State Forest Board Transfer Trust land must first be exchanged for equal-valued Common School Trust land.

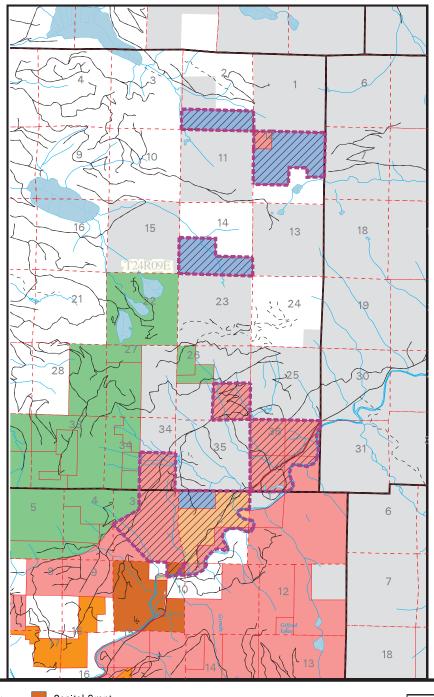
FEATURES OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The property was leased to the Army for many years to serve as a buffer to the adjacent artillery range, used historically for military training exercises. Closure of the range and relinquishment of the lease provides an opportunity to transfer the property to the County for open space and recreation. Clark County is in the process of acquiring adjacent federal land and intends to incorporate both federal and state properties into a large regional park.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 3 East, W.M. (640 acres) NW¹/₄, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 3 East, W.M. (200 acres)

Mount Si Phase I





Agricultural School
 Scientific School

Normal School

Univ. Transferred

Univ. Original

Charitable, Educational, Penal and Reformatory Institutions



Forest Board Transfer
Forest Board Purchase

NRCA

NAP
Other DNR Land

King County

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MOUNT SI PHASE I

ACRES: 1,800

COUNTY: King

TRUST: Common School, Capitol Building, CEP&RI, and State Forest Board

Transfer

RECEIVING AGENCY: Department of Natural Resources

PROPOSED USE: Natural Resources Conservation Area

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value on the property will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction. To implement the transfer, the Capitol Building, CEP & RI, and State Forest Board Transfer Trust lands must first be exchanged for equal-valued Common School Trust land.

CHARACTERISTICS:

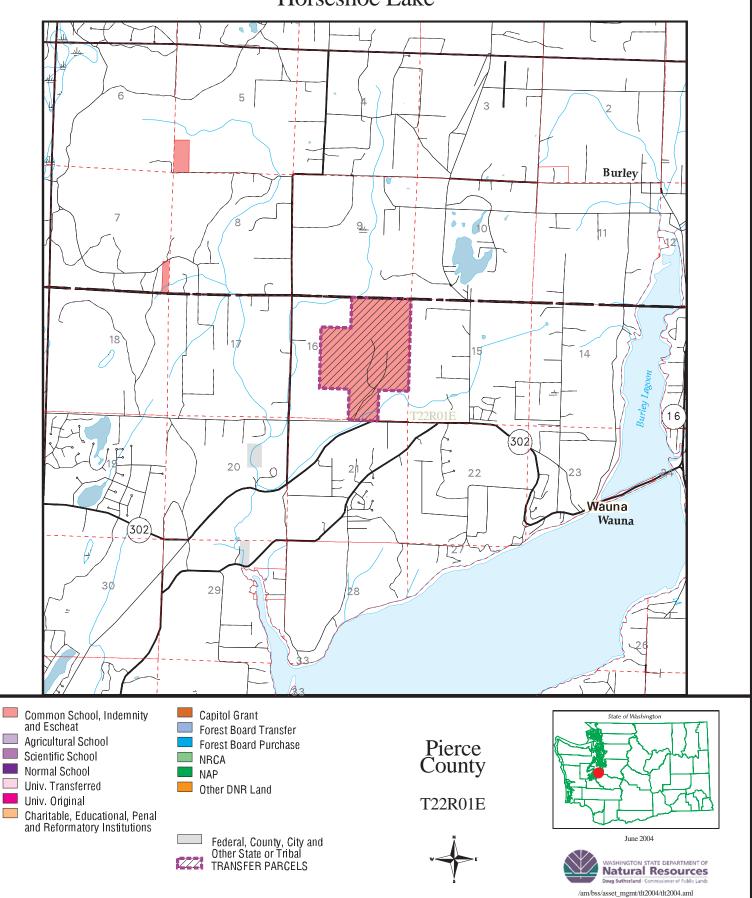
This transfer extends the NRCA boundary easterly to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and provides continuity with riparian habitat adjacent to waters of statewide significance. The Middle Fork Snoqualmie River provides unique Oxbow habitat for education and research. Forested lands include a variety of older- and younger-aged stands and riparian habitat. The landscape is easily accessed and in close proximity to Puget Sound cities.

Total area proposed for addition to the NRCA as shown on the map is approximately 2,800 acres. Approximately 60 percent of the area, or 1,800 acres, will be considered for transfer in Phase One. Specific lands to be included in Phase One will be determined by the Department during the appraisal process after project implementation.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portions of Sections 2, 3, 10, and 11, Township 23 North, Range 9 East, W.M.; S½S½, Section 2, Township 24 North, Range 9 East, W.M.; Portions of Section 12, Township 24 North, Range 9 East, W.M.; SW¼, S½SE¼, Section 14, Township 24 North, Range 9 East, W.M.; SE¼, Section 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East, W.M.; SE¼, Section 34, Township 24 North, Range 9 East, W.M.; Portions of Section 36, Township 24 North, Range 9 East, W.M.

Horseshoe Lake



HORSESHOE LAKE

ACRES: 351

COUNTY: Pierce

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Key Peninsula Park District

PROPOSED USE: Open space, recreation, and wildlife habitat

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

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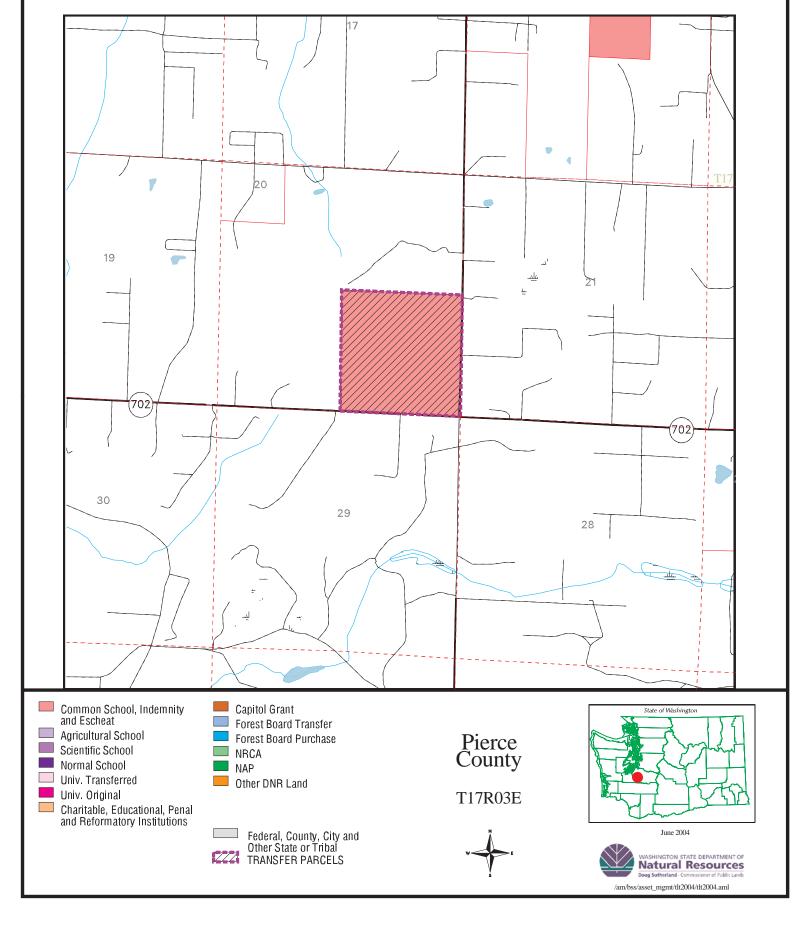
CHARACTERISTICS:

The property provides important open space and recreational opportunities on Pierce County's Key Peninsula. The project has strong community and county support. Key Peninsula Park District, Pierce County and residents actively support this property transfer. A mixture of older and younger forested stands provides a variety of habitat for wildlife and public enjoyment.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portions of Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 1 East, W.M.

South Pierce Wetland



SOUTH PIERCE WETLAND

ACRES: 159

COUNTY: Pierce

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Pierce County

PROPOSED USE: Recreation, open space, riparian, and wildlife habitat

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

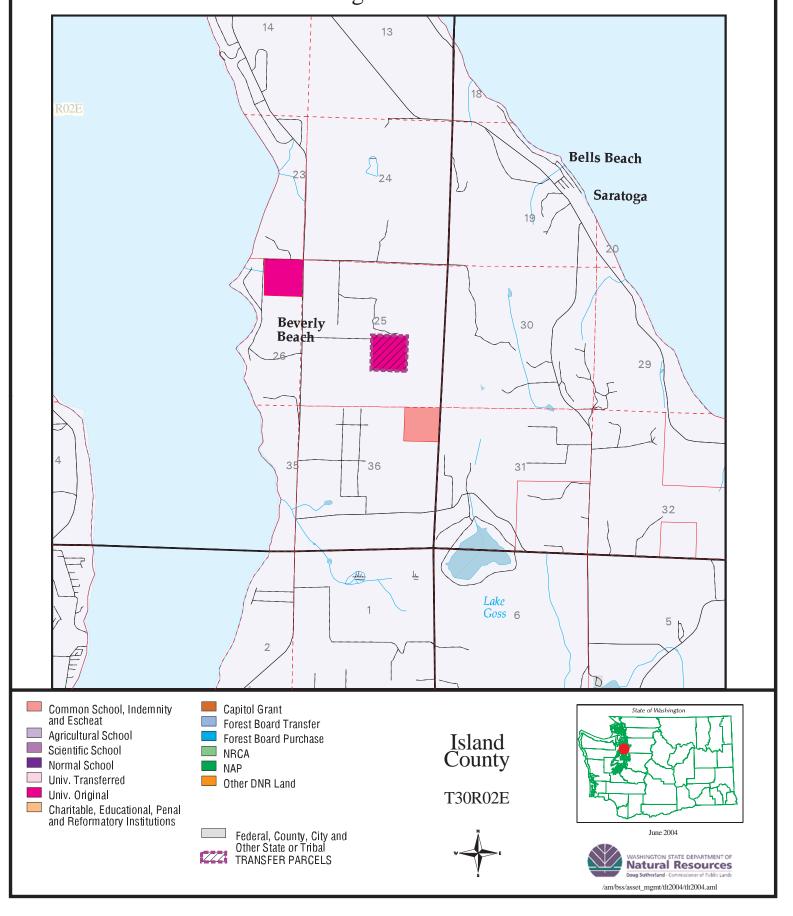
The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value on the property will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction.

CHARACTERISTICS:

The property has a complex mix of wetlands, bog and forested habitat. A high water table and impervious soil layer contribute to a unique upland and wetland plant community that provides habitat for a variety of native birds and animals. The property has public road access and is suitable for education and interpretation.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

SE¹/₄, Section 20, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, W.M.



HIGH POINT

ACRES: 40

COUNTY: Island

TRUST: University-Original

RECEIVING AGENCY: Island County

PROPOSED USE: Wildlife habitat, open space, and recreation

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The trust will transfer out of a property that is very difficult to manage for income production because it is small, isolated, has no legal access, and has important ecological features and high public interest for protection.

Upon transfer, the timber value will be deposited in the Common School Construction Account to fund school construction in the current biennium. The land value will be used to purchase other property that can be managed to provide long-term income for the Common School Trust. To implement the transfer, the University-Original Trust land must first be exchanged for equal-valued Common School Trust land.

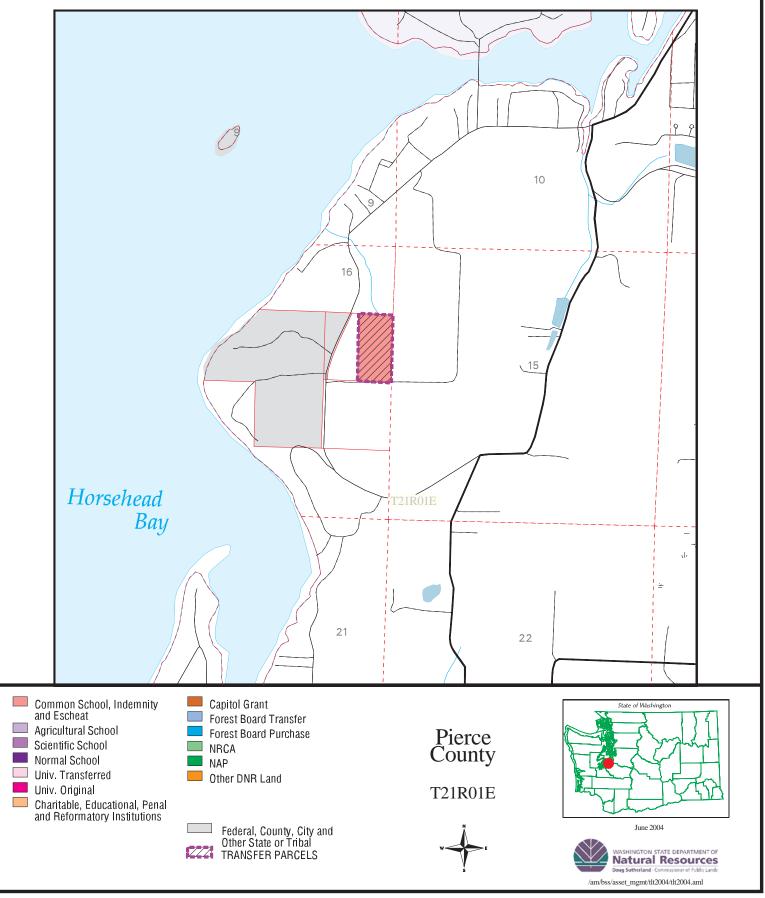
CHARACTERISTICS:

The property contains one of the last stands of older mature trees on the south end of Whidbey Island with significant patches of old-growth trees. It is critically important for wildlife habitat, connectivity and protection of water quality. The property is adjacent to a large, forested property that is targeted for long-term protection from residential development. Nearby protected lands include Goss Lake Woods and Saratoga Woods County Parks, totaling over 700 acres. Protection of the property provides the opportunity to connect into the regional trail system.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, Section 25, Township 30 North, Range 2 East, W.M.

Kopachuck



KOPACHUCK

ACRES: 16

COUNTY: Pierce

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Pierce County/Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

PROPOSED USE: Park, open space, and recreation

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The trust would be compensated for a property that is difficult to manage for resource purposes due to its small size and proximity to residential development. The timber value will be deposited in the Common School Construction Account, and the land value will be used to purchase additional trust land that will provide future income for the Common School Trust.

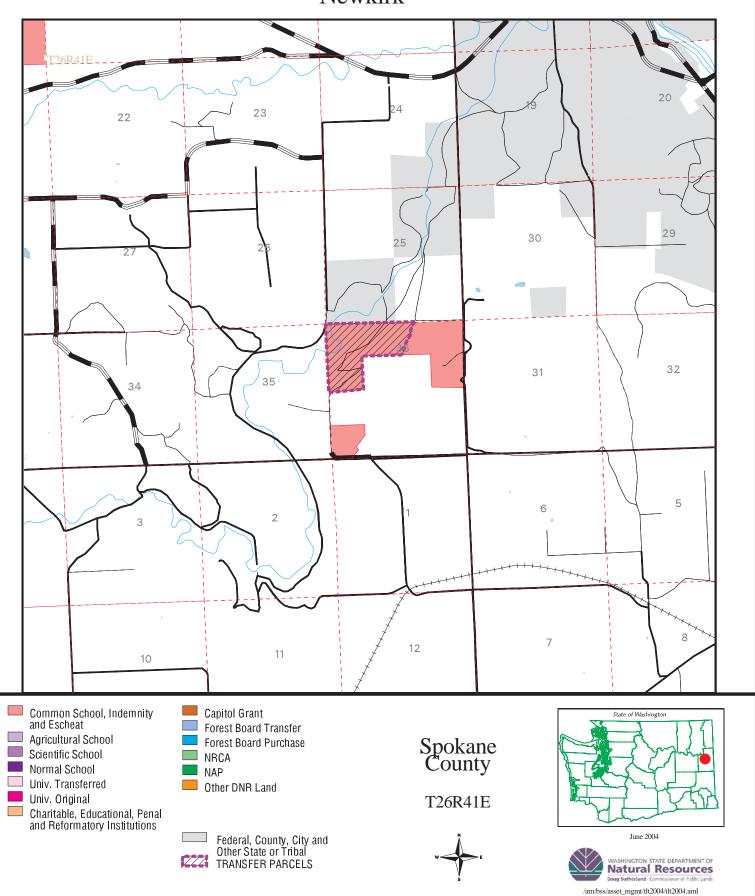
CHARACTERISTICS:

The property is situated adjacent to Kopachuck State Park that is currently a popular recreation destination. This additional area will increase the public land base and provide an additional variety of recreational opportunities. The property has strong public and county support.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

E½SE¼NE¼, Section 16, Township 21 North, Range 1 East, W.M.





NEWKIRK

ACRES: 150

COUNTY: Spokane

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

PROPOSED USE: State Park, open space, and recreation

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value on the property will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction.

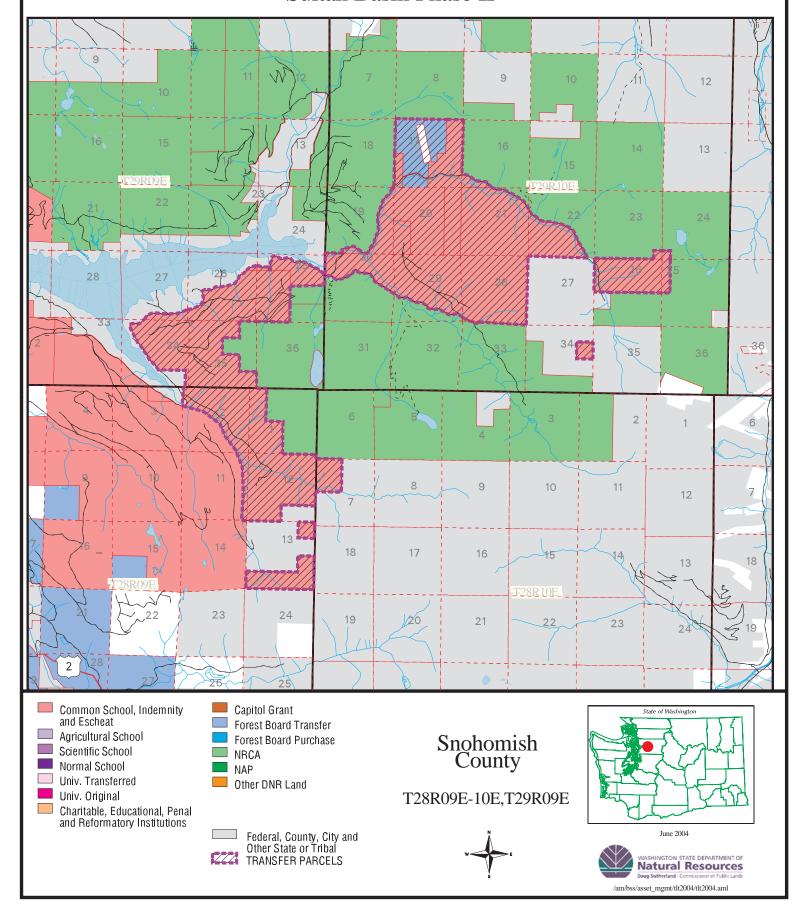
CHARACTERISTICS:

The property is adjacent to Riverside State Park and would allow for expansion to meet the high demand for statewide public recreation needs.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portions of N½, Section 36, Township 26 North, Range 41 East, W.M.

Sultan Basin Phase II



SULTAN BASIN PHASE II

ACRES: 3,800

COUNTY: Snohomish

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Department of Natural Resources

PROPOSED USE: Natural Resources Conservation Area

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value on the property will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction.

CHARACTERISTICS:

The property expands and joins Grieder Ridge and Upper Sultan Basin NRCAs and provides for a landscape boundary that is more manageable. The expanded NRCA provides protection for old-growth forests and fish and wildlife habitat. Sultan Basin is within the City of Everett watershed and the NRCA will also provide important water quality protection for this urban water source.

The total area proposed for the NRCA, as shown on the map, is approximately 6,700 acres. Approximately half of the area will be considered for transfer in this phase. Specific lands to be included in Phase II will be determined by the Department during the appraisal process after project implementation.

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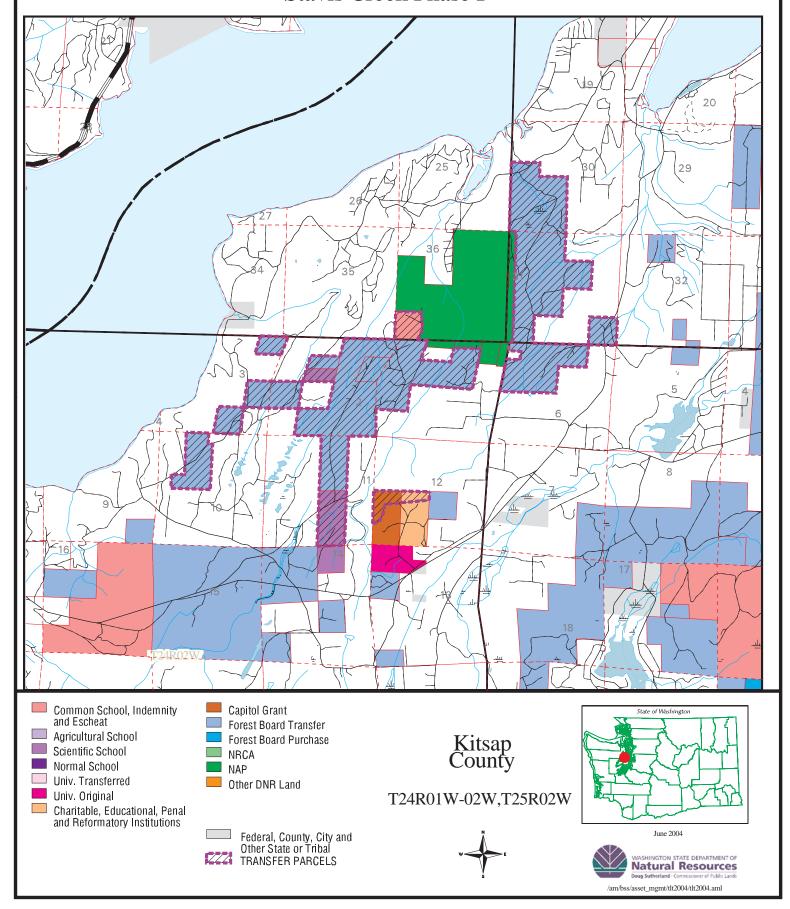
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Portions of Section 7, Township 28 North, Range 10 East, W.M.

Portions of Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, and 35, Township 29 North, Range 9 East, W.M.

Portions of Sections 16, 17, 19-26, 28, 29, 30, and 34, Township 29 North, Range 9 East, W.M.

Stavis Creek Phase I



STAVIS CREEK PHASE I

ACRES: 1,570

COUNTY: Kitsap

TRUST: Common School, State Forest Board Transfer, CEP & RI, Capitol

Building, and Scientific School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Department of Natural Resources

PROPOSED USE: Natural Resources Conservation Area

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value on the property will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction. To implement the transfer, the State Forest Board Transfer, CEP & RI, Capitol Building, and Scientific School Trust lands must first be exchanged for equal-valued Common School Trust land.

CHARACTERISTICS:

The Natural Heritage Program ranks these lands highly for protection due to their statewide significance as the best remaining Douglas fir, Western Hemlock, Evergreen Huckleberry community habitat type in the lowland Puget Sound basin. Residential development is rapidly encroaching and fragmenting this plant community that was at one time common to these glacial outwash soils.

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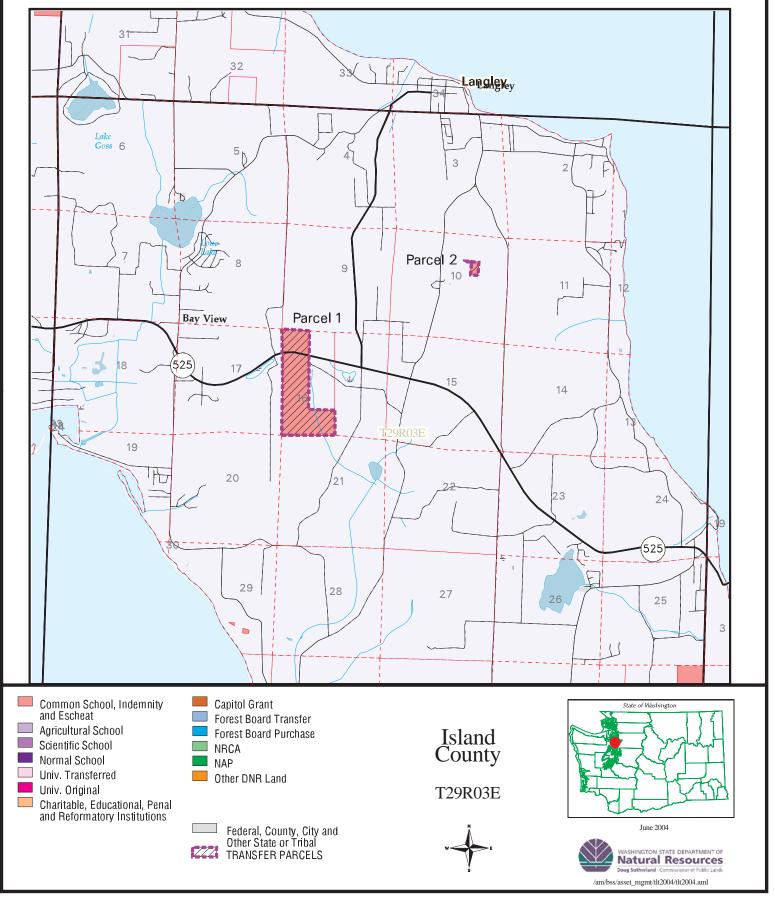
Portions of Section 6, Township 24 North, Range 1 West, W.M.

Portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 12, Township 24 North, Range 2 West, W.M.

Portions of Sections 30, and 31, Township 25 North, Range 1 West, W.M.

Portions of Section 36, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, W.M.

Upper Maxwelton Valley



UPPER MAXWELTON VALLEY

ACRES: 205

COUNTY: Island

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District

PROPOSED USE: Wildlife and riparian habitat, open space, and recreation

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The property is very difficult to manage for income production because of strong demand for open space, wildlife habitat, trail use of the property and local concerns regarding timber harvest or residential subdivision.

At transfer, the timber value will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction.

CHARACTERISTICS:

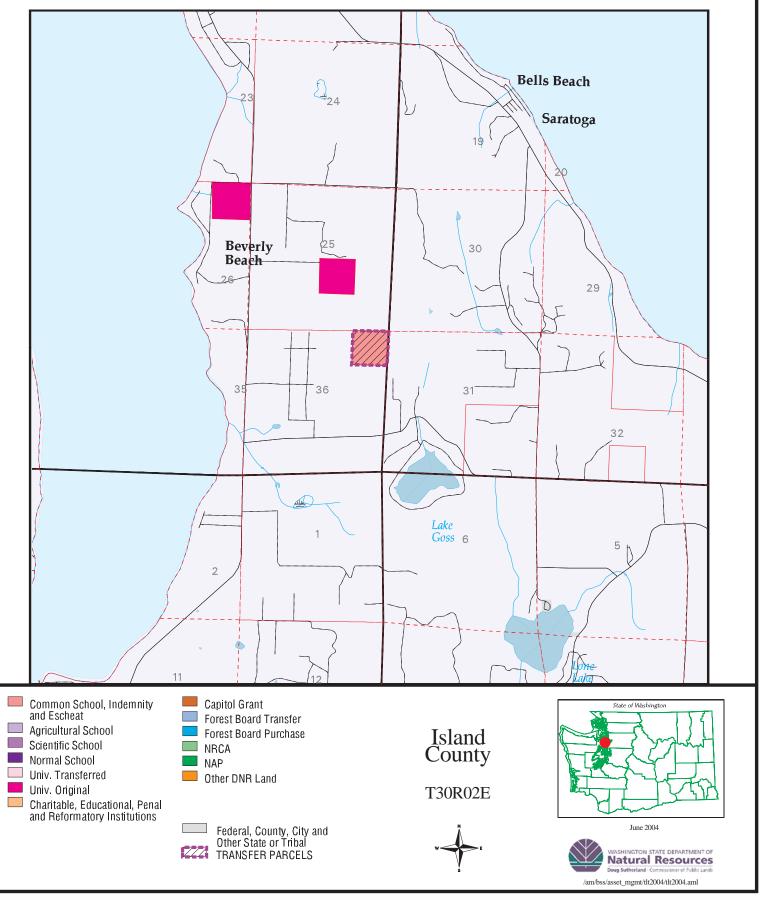
This area of mature forest includes the headwaters of Maxwelton Creek; one of three streams in Island County that is salmon bearing. Protection of the forested headwaters is the key to protecting the existing condition of the watershed while salmon restoration efforts continue. The parcel's large size, mature forest, and riparian habitat provide critical habitat for a variety of wildlife. The property is bisected by the state highway, which affords ready access and views of forested open space. The existing trail system could be extended in the future to connect to the larger, regional trail system. The watershed has been the focus of significant community-wide restoration efforts and is studied by local schools.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 1: W¹/₂W¹/₂, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, Section 16, Township 29 North, Range 3 East, W.M.

Parcel 2: Portions of NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, Section 10, Township 29 North, Range 3 East, W.M.

Skyline West



SKYLINE WEST

ACRES: 40

COUNTY: Island

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Island County

PROPOSED USE: Wildlife habitat, open space, and recreation

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

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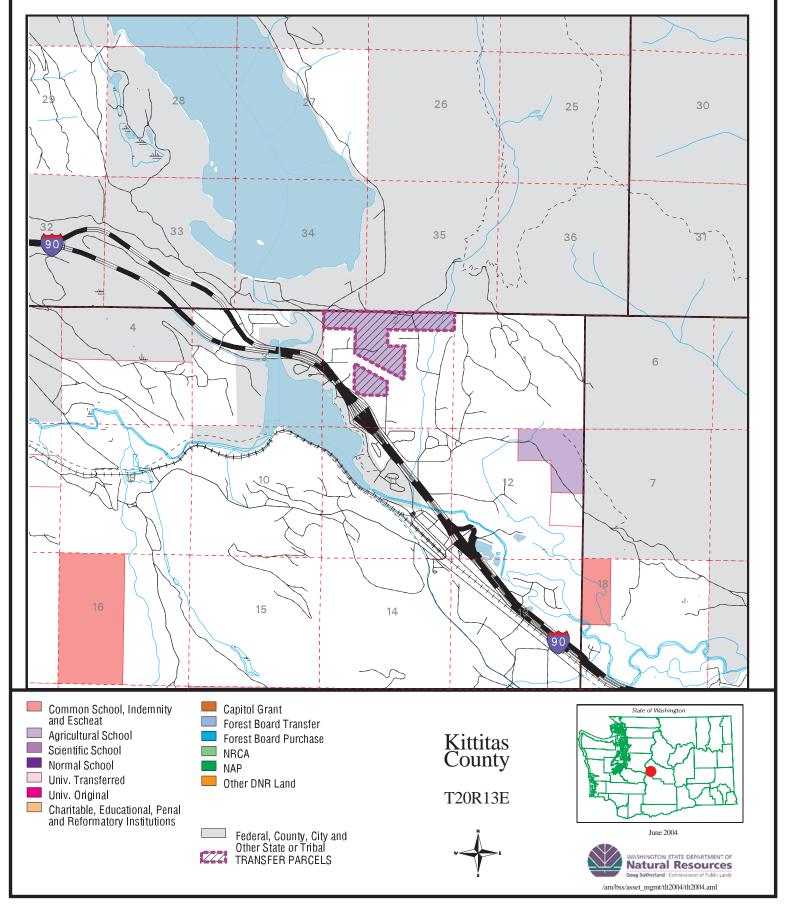
CHARACTERISTICS:

The property contains one of the last stands of old-growth trees on the south end of Whidbey Island. This stand of timber is critically important for wildlife habitat, connectivity and protection of water quality. The property is adjacent to a large, forested property that is targeted for long-term protection from residential development. Nearby protected lands include Goss Lake Woods and Saratoga Woods County Parks. Protection of the property provides the opportunity to extend the regional trail system to include this forested area.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 2 East, W.M.

Lake Easton



LAKE EASTON

ACRES: 162

COUNTY: Kittitas

TRUST: Agricultural School

RECEIVING AGENCY: State Parks and Recreation Commission

PROPOSED USE: State Park, open space, and recreation

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

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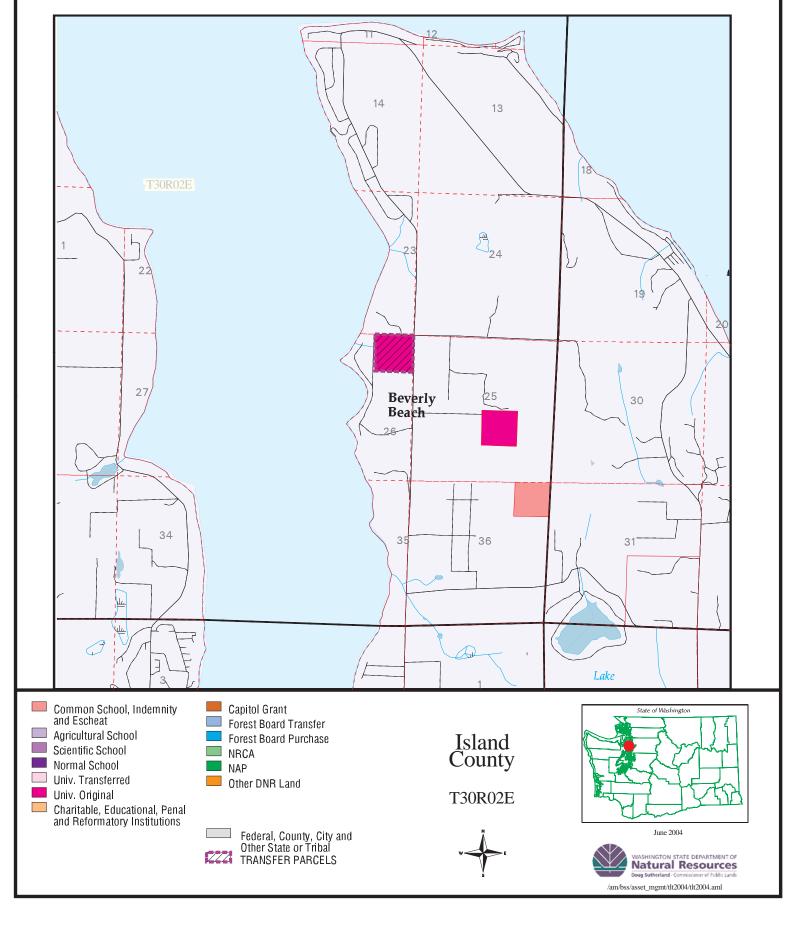
CHARACTERISTICS:

The property is situated nearly adjacent to Lake Easton State Park. It supports stands of mixed aged timber, is suitable for public recreation, and will provide room for future park expansion. The property provides continuity with Forest Service land to the north. The Easton Airstrip segments the property.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portions of Section 2, Township 20 North, Range 13 East, W.M.

Brainers Road



BRAINERS ROAD

ACRES: 39

COUNTY: Island

TRUST: University-Original

RECEIVING AGENCY: Island County

PROPOSED USE: Wildlife and riparian habitat, open space, and recreation

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The trust transfers out of property that is difficult to manage for income production because it is small, isolated, next to residential development, and highly valued for its open space, wildlife habitat and recreation attributes.

At transfer the timber value will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction. To implement the transfer, the University-Original Trust land must first be exchanged for equal-valued Common School Trust land.

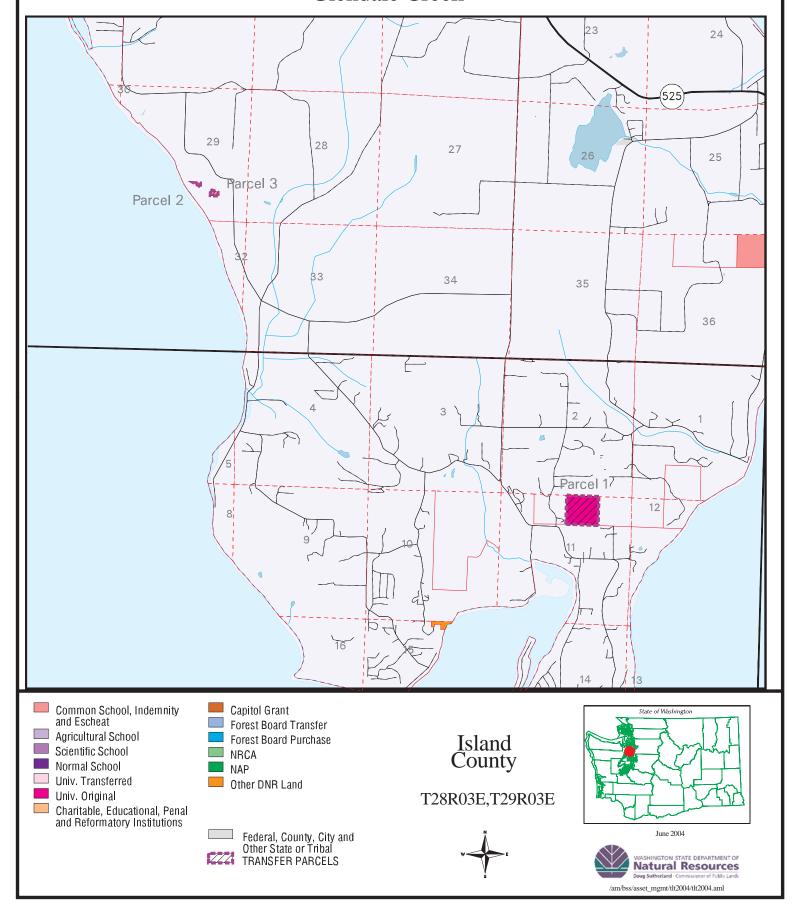
CHARACTERISTICS:

The property provides important forest and riparian habitat for the area's wildlife, as it is adjacent to a residential development. The property is bisected by a stream with healthy riparian vegetation. It is part of an important wildlife corridor between larger, forested parcels to the south and southeast and the rich marine feeding grounds in Holmes Harbor. The property is located along a county road, and protection will provide scenic open space and opportunities for low-impact recreation.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, Section 26, Township 30 North, Range 2 East, W.M.

Glendale Creek



GLENDALE CREEK

ACRES: 40

COUNTY: Island

TRUST: University-Original, Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Island County

PROPOSED USE: Wildlife and riparian habitat, open space, and recreation

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The trust transfers out of property that is difficult to manage for income production because it is small, isolated, next to dense residential development, and highly valued for its open space, wildlife habitat and recreation attributes.

At transfer the timber value will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction. To implement the transfer, the University-Original Trust land must first be exchanged for equal-valued Common School Trust land.

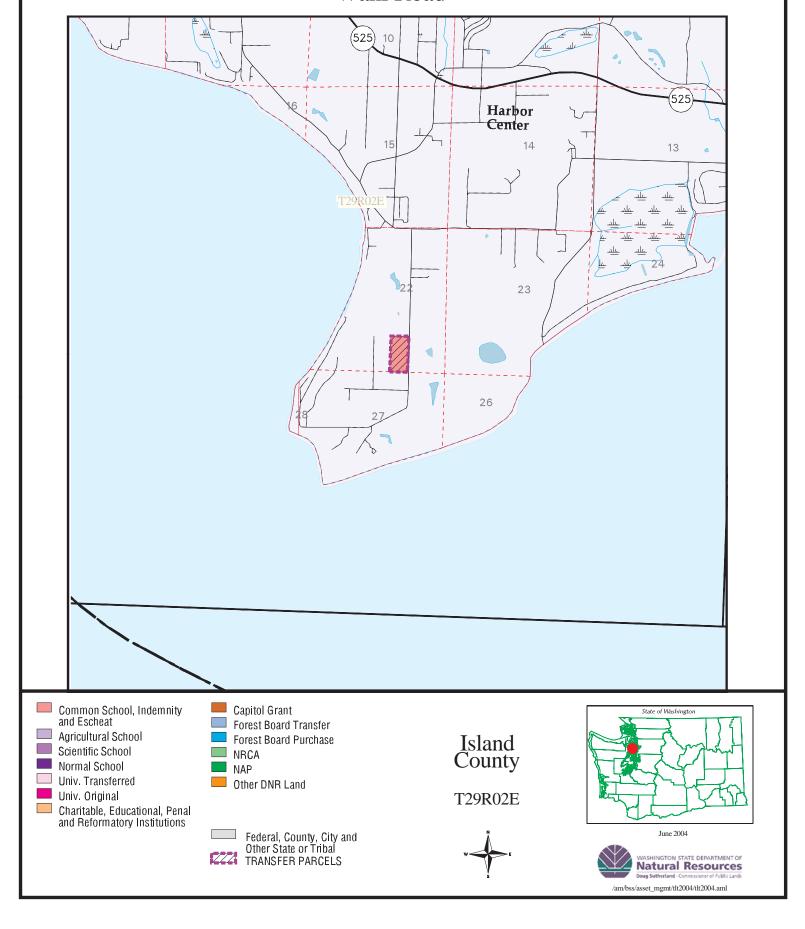
CHARACTERISTICS:

This property is connected to a future public wildlife reserve property that is located just above Cultus Bay, a rich and important area for fish and wildlife. The mature forest and high ground protects the aquifer and water quality and provides important habitat for wildlife. The riparian drainage flows into a wetland area on the adjacent wildlife reserve property. The property provides open space and opportunities for low-impact recreation.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 1: NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, Section 11, Township 28 North, Range 3 East, W.M. (35 acres) Parcel's 2 & 3: Portions of SE¹/₄, Section 29, Township 29 North, Range 3 East, W.M. (5 acres)

Wahl Road



WAHL ROAD

ACRES: 20

COUNTY: Island

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: Island County

PROPOSED USE: Wildlife habitat, open space, and recreation

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The trust transfers out of a property that is difficult to manage for income production because it is small, isolated, in a residential area, and highly valued for its open space, wildlife habitat and recreation attributes.

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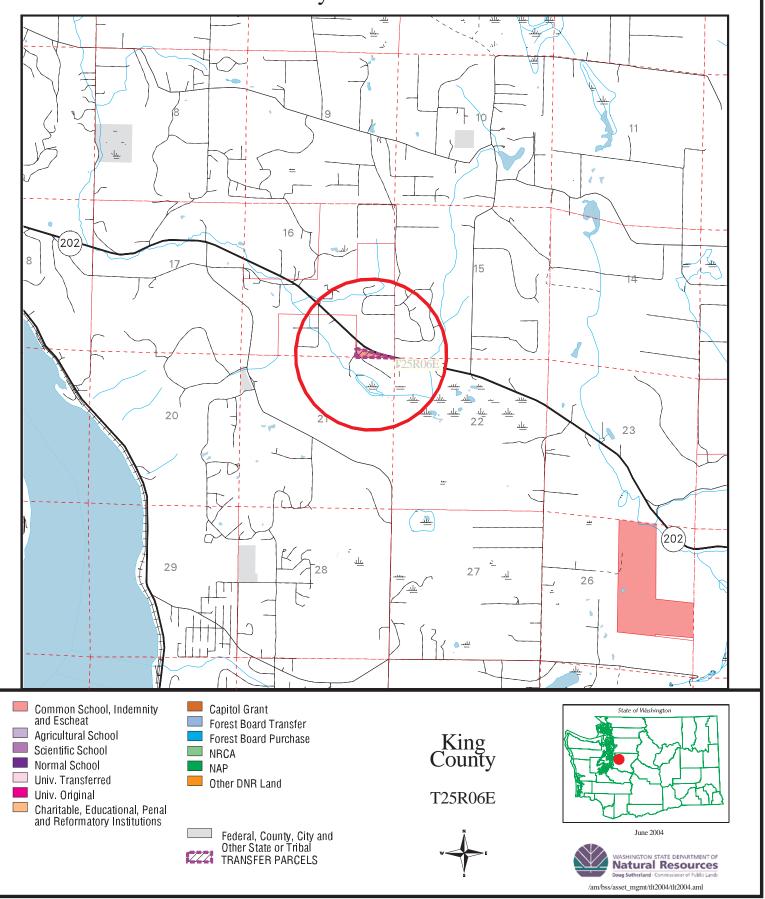
CHARACTERISTICS:

This forested property provides wildlife habitat and low-impact recreational opportunities near a developed residential area. A small wetland compliments the property's habitat values. The forest is heavily used by pileated woodpeckers and other native wildlife. Protection will provide open space and scenic vistas along a county road.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

E½SW¼SE¼, Section 22, Township 29 North, Range 2 East, W.M.

Harry Osborn Park



HARRY OSBORN PARK

ACRES: 15

COUNTY: King

TRUST: Common School

RECEIVING AGENCY: King County/City of Sammamish

PROPOSED USE: Open space, recreation, and wildlife habitat

BENEFITS TO TRUST:

The Common School Trust benefits by disposing of property that is difficult to manage for revenue. At transfer the timber value on the property will be deposited to the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for school construction statewide. The land value will be used to acquire other Common School Trust property with greater revenue-generating potential in order to improve long-term revenue to fund school construction.

CHARACTERISTICS:

This small property is unique in that it is one of the few remaining old-growth stands located in the Redmond urbanizing area. It serves the local community for outdoor recreation and has potential for environmental interpretation and education.

LEGAL:

Portions of SE1/4SE1/4, Section 16, Township 25 North, Range 6 East, W.M.